



**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2006**

Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Michelle DiMiscio, Dan Foley (nominee), Narayan Gangadhar, Jenna Henderson, Larry Hill, Tim King

Members Absent: Dana Boales (unexcused), Patrick Godfrey – nominee (excused); Roger Goodman (excused), Mary Alice Knotts (excused), Yasmin Smith (unexcused)

Guests Present: Linda Penhallegon, Youth Eastside Services; Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital; Al Sweeten, Seattle Indian Health Board; Bob Leonard, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Cathy Speelmon, Seattle Counseling Services; Ardi Bury, Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County; Paul Fisher, Alcohol Drug Helpline; Stacey Devenney, Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation/Federal Way Youth and Family Services

Staff Present: Mike Elsner, Rhoda Naguit, Jodi Riley-Kauer, Jim Vollendroff

Board Chair Linda Brown convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:01 p.m. The meeting was held at Safeco Jackson Street Center, Multi-Purpose Room, located at 306 23rd Avenue South, Seattle.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Brown welcomed everyone present and asked that they introduce themselves.

II. MINUTES

The review and approval of the January 5, 2006 meeting minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum at this point.

III. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stacey Devenney of VCCC/FWYFS announced that their agency has two vacant positions – a CD Advocate and a Senior Program Director. The applicant for CD Advocate must have an understanding of wraparound services. The applicant for the Senior Program Director position should have administrative experience and some knowledge of chemical dependency treatment.

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Pat Knox stated that Recovery Centers of King County is gearing up to do ADATSA assessments which they will be doing with the closing of the ADATSA Assessment Center. RCKC-will use the Detox facility as their central ADATSA site.

Linda Penhallegon stated that Youth Eastside Services is working hard to better meet the needs of their Latino clients. They have recently hired two Spanish-speaking CDPs. The agency would like to increase their community outreach services.

Michelle DiMiscio announced that POCAAN is looking for a grant writer to facilitate their grant application.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The Board has received a letter from WAPIFASA expressing concerns about funding and reimbursement issues. In response to the letter, Linda Brown on behalf of the Board encouraged WAPIFASA to work directly with Jim Vollendroff to resolve the issues. The Board will track the resolution of the issues raised by WAPIFASA.

V. OLD BUSINESS

The 1/10th of 1 percent SalesTax Workgroup composed of Linda Brown, Tim King, Dan Foley, Pat Godfrey, and Michelle DiMiscio met with Jim Vollendroff and Liz Gilbert of the in mid January. Liz Gilbert has been assigned by the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to develop a position paper that the MH and CD Board can support. Linda Brown discussed the 1/10th of 1 percent potential with the MH Board at their January meeting and they are interested in supporting this initiative with the County Council. Board Chair Linda Brown sought advice from the board whether to pursue submission of a board initiated position paper in addition to DCHS' position paper. After a lengthy exchange of opinions, Joan Clement made a motion, which was seconded by Michelle DiMiscio for the board to write a position paper regarding one tenth of one percent tax issue in conjunction with DCHS' position paper. The motion was approved unanimously. Linda Brown will draft a letter and email it to Board members for their review.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Confirmation Hearing

Narayan Gangadhar had his confirmation hearing for appointment before the Law, Justice and Human Services Committee today. Committee members asked him

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several questions. Councilmember Reagan Dunn asked about methamphetamine use and about funding for specialized treatment programs for meth users. The question provided an opportunity for a brief discussion of the question of specialized, categorical treatment programs vs. strong treatment programs that are tailored to individual characteristics and needs. Cathy Speelmon pointed out that Project Neon is one good resource service for methamphetamine users. This project is administered by Seattle Counseling Services. Linda will do a follow-up letter to the Councilman Dunn and will mention Project Neon.

Bob Ferguson is the new chair of the Law Justice and Human Services Committee with the reorganization of the Council following the reduction to nine members.

B. CDP Certification Program Input

Linda encouraged Board members and providers to attend a State Department of Health public hearing regarding CDP certification on Tuesday, February 7th from 1:00pm to 4pm at SeaTac Red Lion Hotel. Those who plan to testify are encouraged to submit written testimony.

C. Recovery Garden

The Park project is still in the re-bidding process. Hopefully the construction of the Recovery Garden labyrinth will be well under way if not finished by September. We are still selling cobblestones.

D. Liaison Reports

Jenna Henderson, CD Youth Providers: There were two presentations at the Youth Providers meeting – one on Children’s Medical application and Title XIX access and the other one on school-based Youth Health Centers. TJ Cosgrove for the Seattle King County Health Department told the providers that the school-based program has no chemical dependency component and that the Health Department is interested in linkages with CD providers. One of the youth agencies informed the group about a Work-Study program at the community colleges that will pay 65% of the salary of a student to work at CD agencies for 19.5 hours weekly. Work-study students can do a number of things that are very useful to an agency. A number of agencies were interested to learning more about this program.

Joan Clement, Chronic Populations Action Council: The Council will take a three-month break. A number of members are active in groups working on the initiative to end homelessness. CPAC will meet again in April to assess the work

that members are doing on the homeless initiative and to decide if there is a continued role of CPAC as it is presently constituted.

Linda Brown, Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee/Mental Health Advisory Board: The Legislative Advocacy group reviewed upcoming bills affecting mental health and chemical dependency funding and did some early planning for the 2006 Legislative Forum. Linda asked Board members to consider serving on the Legislative Committee.

The Mental Health Advisory Board continues to deal with funding and the number of people that cannot be served due to funding reduction. They are currently negotiating with State Mental Health Division to resolve funding issues. If the issues cannot be resolved, the County may take legal action against the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) following the precedent set by Pierce County.

Linda represented the Board at the first annual All CD Providers Meeting on January 18, 2006. The meeting was well attended. The goals for the next year and well as the accomplishments of the past year were reviewed and a lot of information was shared. The meeting was held at Muckleshoot Behavioral Care Facility in Auburn which is an impressive, multipurpose building offering many services and serving as a community center for the Muckleshoot tribe.

VII. MINUTES

With the arrival of enough Board members to constitute a quorum, the January minutes were considered. Dan Foley made a motion that was seconded by Jenna Henderson to approve the January 5, 2006 board minutes as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. A/D COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. King County Assessment Center Closure

With the closing of the ADATSA Assessment Center the Division is partnering with seven agencies that now have contracts with the Division to provide ADATSA services. The seven agencies are Seattle Counseling Services, Center for Human Services, Therapeutic Health Services, Recovery Centers of King County, Seattle Indian Health Board, Community Psychiatric Center, and Harborview Medical Center.

Rose Soo Hoo and her staff have done a very good job of informing the community about the closure of the Assessment Center and transitioning services to the seven agencies with ADATSA contracts.

B. Sobering Center Update

With the Assessment Center closure Rose Soo Hoo's new assignment is the implementation of changes in the Sobering Center that were a part of the recommendations of the Sobering Center Workgroup led by Patrick Vanzo. The proposed changes will be presented in more detail at a later meeting.

C. Prevention Update

The Prevention Program move to the Division is going smoothly although office space is tight. The Chemical Dependency Treatment and Prevention staff are meeting regularly to explore ways to integrate prevention knowledge and practice into treatment programs including Parenting Pregnant Women (PPW) and childcare programs.

D. DASA Update

The Division is starting to work of planning for the next needs assessment that will focus of on 2007-2013 reflecting the change to 6-year planning. The new needs assessment approach will be a more data-driven process. The new Plan is due in April 2007 and will require a two-year update.

E. Grants

The Division is applying for two federal grants. The first, an Assertive Adolescent and Family Treatment grant, is designed to provide assertive continuing care for youth and their families. This model uses two SAMHSA best practice models: Assertive Community Reinforcement Approach (ACRA) and the Assertive Continuing Care (ACC). These models are in the public domain and were developed with funding from CSAT and NIAAA. If the Division is successful in obtaining the grant, it will provide \$300,000 per year for three years. The GAIN assessment instrument is required for this grant. The due date is March 29, 2006.

The second grant would compliment the Access to Recovery program. It focuses on the development of a peer-to-peer program to support recovery. Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation and Seattle Counseling Services are interested in partnering with the Division in this grant. If the application is successful the grant would provide \$350,000 per year for a four-year period.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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